

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 473
By Kernell

A RESOLUTION to commend Christopher W. Bell for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Christopher W. Bell is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the House Government Operations Committee and Chairman Michael Kernell; Chris's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Chris Bell was raised by his great-grandmother, Lennie Rowe, in a rural town in northwest Louisiana; he excelled in school and was chosen for a spot in the 2000 class of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, a residential high school for the gifted, where he graduated in the top 5 percent of his state and as a Regent's Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell moved to Tennessee in 2000 to enroll in the Curb School of the Music Business at Belmont University in Nashville; he then elected to transfer to the University of Memphis in 2001; and

WHEREAS, as a student at the University of Memphis, where he was highly regarded by his peers, Chris Bell has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science, graduating Magna Cum Laude and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; he was honored by his professors and fellow students, being selected for various honors including selection for participation in the RENUUS Project, a foreign exchange program for top students from America and the European Union, and winning the presidency of the University of Memphis Pre-Law Society; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Chris Bell brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Mr. Bell has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; his many accomplishments academically and his performance as an intern have proven him one of the best and brightest young adults in his adopted State of Tennessee and in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Chris Bell has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; and

WHEREAS, Chris is well liked by Representative Kernell and the officers and staff of the House Government Operations Committee, who, along with all other legislative members and staff who were fortunate enough to know Chris, wish him all the very best; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Christopher W. Bell for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Government Operations Committee and Chairman Michael Kernell and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.